IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Sandeep Kulkarni, et al.

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Title: PAPER ARTICLES EXHIBITING LONG TERM

STORAGEABILITY AD METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

Examiner: Erma C. Cameron

Group Art Unit: 1762

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified continuation application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.